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LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), after receiving testimony from John E. Hamilton, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, St Augustine, Florida.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 943–976; 1 private bill, H.R. 977; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 21; and H.Res. 97–98, 100–102 were introduced. **Pages H980–82**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H983–84**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Billions of Federal Tax Dollars Misspent on New York's Medicaid Program (H. Rept. 113–11) and

H. Res. 99, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 933) making appropriations for the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–12). **Page H980**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative DeSantis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H953**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H954**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative Walz. **Page H958**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit: H.R. 668, to amend section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, to require that annual budget

submissions of the President to Congress provide an estimate of the cost per taxpayer of the deficit, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 392 yeas to 28 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 57 and

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Stop Tobacco Smuggling in the Territories Act of 2013: H.R. 338, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 58.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:39 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H966**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:27 p.m. and reconvened at 5:36 p.m. **Page H979**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, March 6th. **Page H979**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H967 and H967–68. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "To Review the State of the Rural Economy". Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.